

Meeting minutes

Doctoral Student Union Board, Malmö
University
(DSU)

Date: 2021-05-28
Location: Online (zoom)
Time: 14.00-15.00

Attendance:

Elsa Andersson, Isobel Squire, Sergei Dytckov, Juliana Holeksa

Opening the meeting.
Elsa is appointed chair of the meeting
Elsa is appointed secretary of the meeting
Juliana is appointed adjustment person

Agenda

1§ Previous meeting minutes

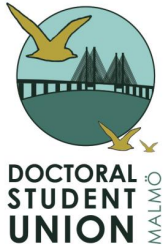
2§ Feedback and information:

- **Malmö University's self evaluation:** in collaboration with the Malmö Student Union and the Odontological Student Union the DSU have realized a student input on Mau's self evaluation on their work regarding broadening recruitment and participation. The main input that we gave from the DSU concerned the lack of inclusion of the international doctoral students, such as deficiencies in information and translation of important documents.
- **Two presentations** about the Malmö DSU and our work has been given, one in the supervisory education course (by Elsa) and one at the introduction for new PhD students (by Elsa and Roel).
- **The DSU international chapter** has been invited to give input on the information directed at international PhD students. Isobel, Nada and Julie will join a meeting with the information department and give their input on the HR website directed at international PhD students.
- **Doctoral ombud:** Elsa has a meeting planned with Christian Stråhlman and Klara Dryselius who is the president of the Student Union in Kristianstad. The meeting concerns cooperation possibilities regarding a doctoral ombud.

3§ Information from the University Boards

a. BFF:

- Discussion about prolongations: specifically, discussions about the process of prolongations, how the applications should be assessed, whether the process will be satisfactory and equal. BFF will continue to evaluate the process.
- Doctoral student's health and work environment – discussion and “good examples”.



- Thesis defense: Discussion regarding: What do we want to keep from the way we have done thesis defenses in the pandemic once it is over?

b. **KFU:**

- Language policy: Mau are in the process of making changes in order to achieve translations of all important documents.
- Information: the sources of information are being evaluated. The webpage has had some changes made and the communication department are assessing the new websites.

3§ Discussion topic:

- **Prioritized goals and the positioning documents for 2021:**

At our last meeting we started to draft out our prioritized goals and decided on starting to work on the positioning document in box. At this meeting we discussed in further detail which goals we should prioritize to put into our positioning document. At the moment we suggested that the backpack might be better suited as a goal to maintain in the prioritized goals but not in the positioning document. The issues below are at the moment what we will be working with in the positioning documents to start with. Although revisions might be made later if we feel the need to or as a response to input from PhD students.

1. Institutional duty hours (factor time and the courses in higher education pedagogy) – (Sergei)
2. Courses (agreements between universities to accept PhD students for free, *maybe also something about the courses at Mau?*)
3. Doctoral ombudsman - (Elsa)
4. International chapter - (Juliana & Isobel)
5. Communication and information (harmonized or at least transparent guidelines, one source of information) - (Elsa+ Carolina)
6. Prolongations and the effect of the pandemic - (Elsa & Carolina)
7. Doctoral students work environment - (Carolina)

Signatories:

Elsa Andersson _____

Elsa Andersson, secretary

Juliana Holeksa